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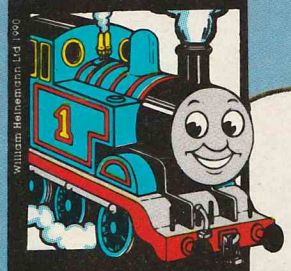

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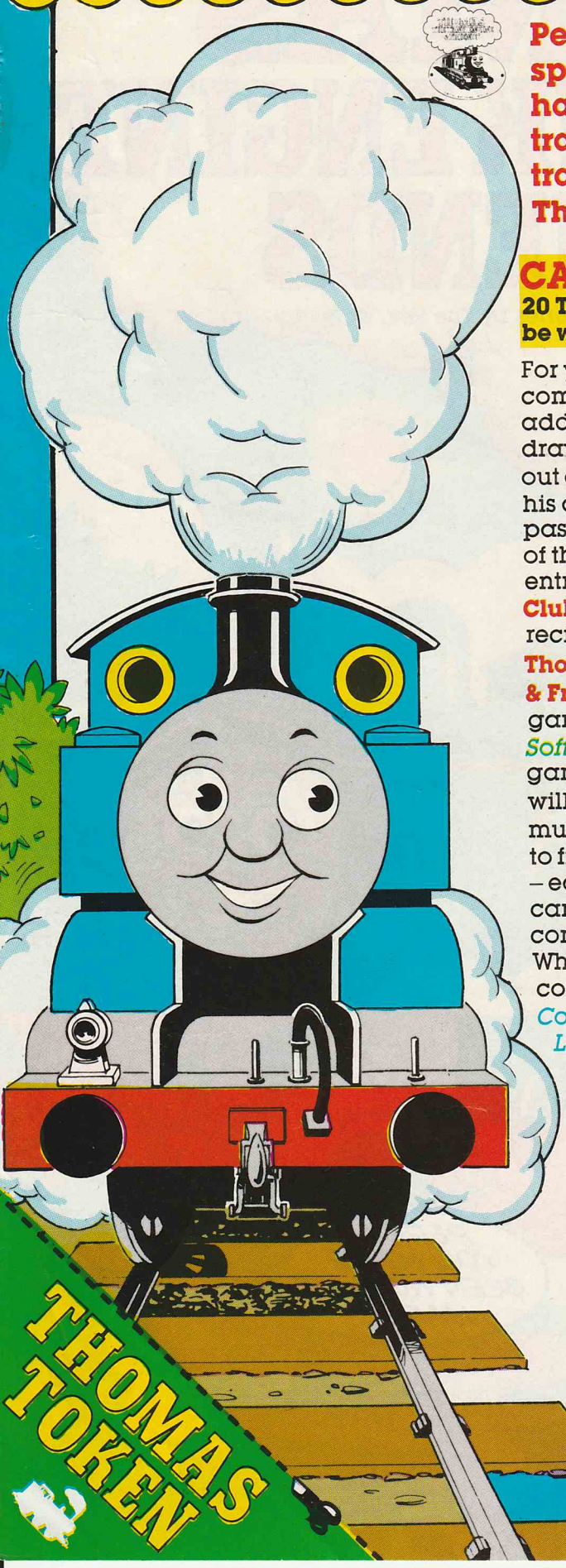
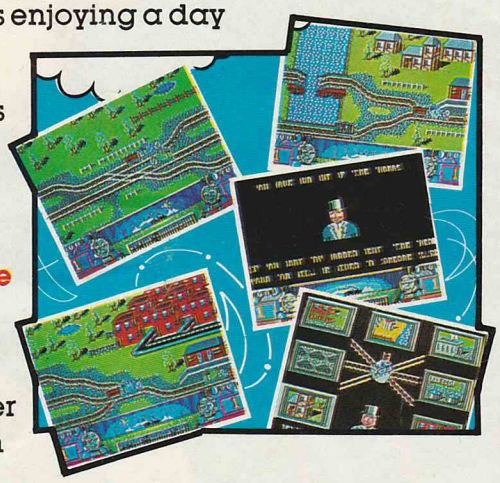


Peep! Peep! Percy the Small Engine spends most of his days shunting in the harbour yard. But there is also a special train that Percy often takes too – the post train! But one night the post did not arrive! The story begins on the next page!

CALLING ALL CLUB MEMBERS!

20 Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends computer games to be won...

For your chance of winning one of these splendid computer games all you have to do is send in your name, address and membership number together with a drawing of Bertie the Bus enjoying a day out at the seaside, with his driver and passengers! The senders of the best 20 entries drawn from our **Club Members** will recieve a splendid **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** computer game, from *Alternative Software Ltd.* In each game, the Fat Controller will give six tasks which must be completed to finish the game. There are also two versions of the game – easy and hard! Each game comes in cassette form and can be used on either **Amstrad, Commodore** or **Spectrum** computers.



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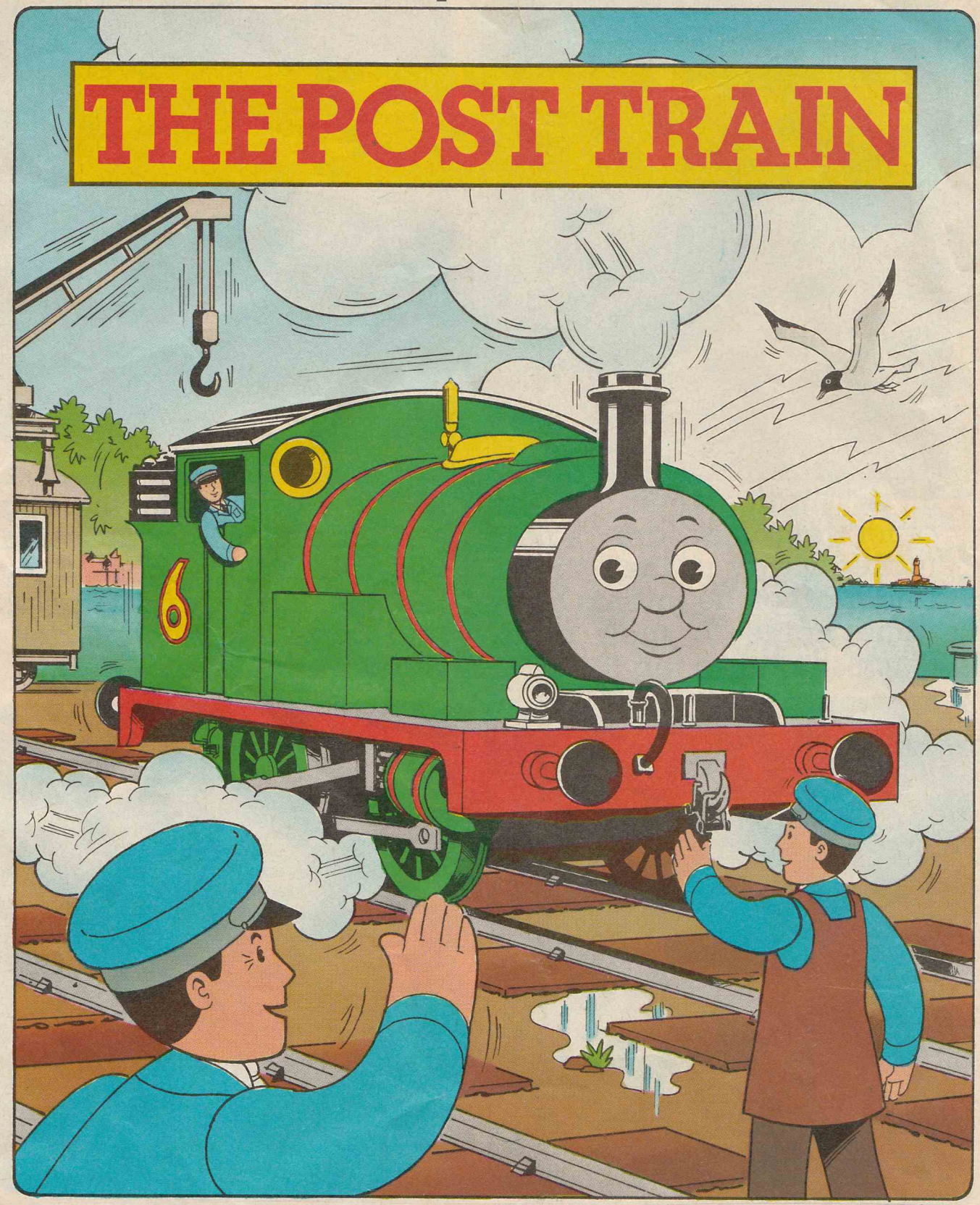
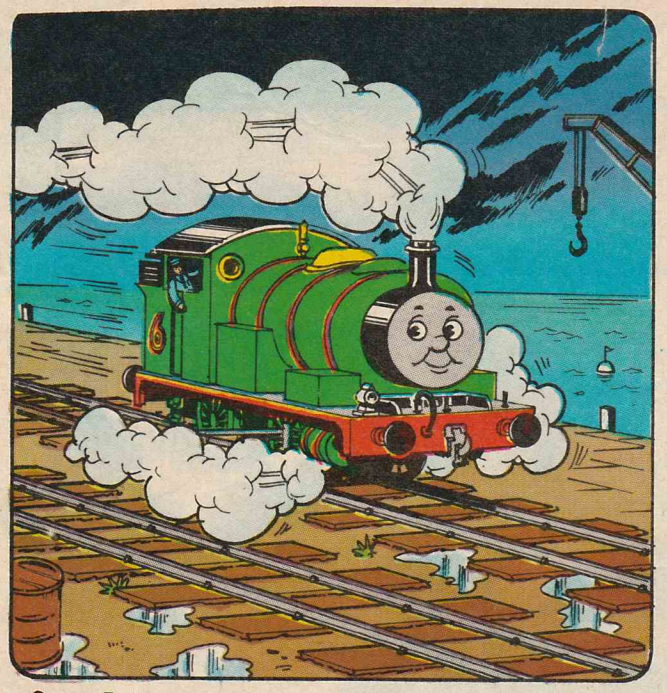


1. Percy is a cheerful little engine. He works on the Fat Controller's railway on the Island of Sodor. Percy works most of his days shunting in the Big Harbour yard.

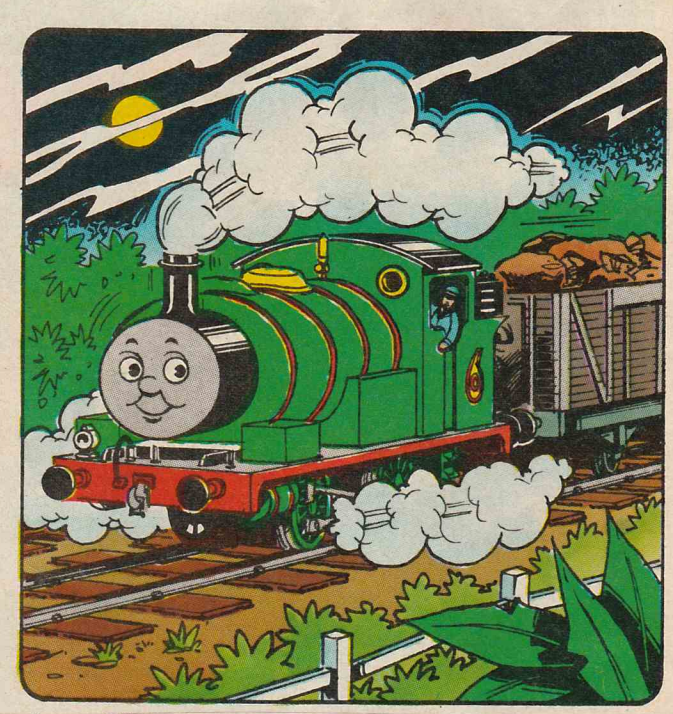
2. Sometimes Percy will take goods trains and he's even been known to pull short passenger trains now and again. But there's a special train Percy pulls as well.



3. At night, when all the other engines are safely tucked away in their sheds, and most of the guards have gone home to their beds, Percy still has a job to do.

4. The postmen in the big sorting office have sorted through all the post. They put the letters and parcels into bags ready to be delivered.

5. Some of the post goes by boat to the mainland, and some comes from the mainland to the Island of Sodor. When the post arrives it is loaded onto the post train.



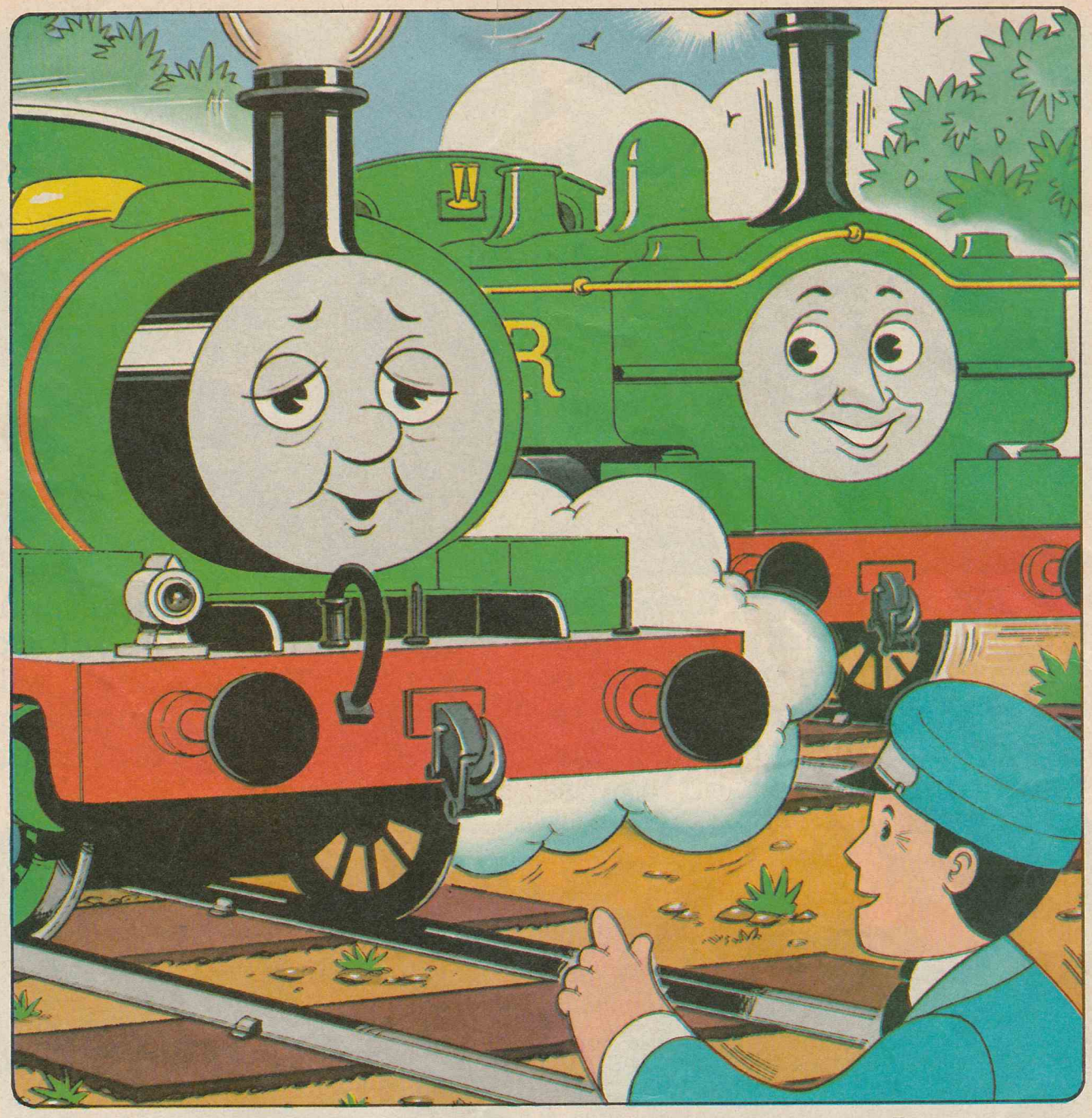
6. When the trucks are loaded. Percy sets out into the quiet night, to pull the post train. On a clear night a big shiny moon sometimes brightens his way.

7. But sometimes there are clouds in the sky and Percy can't even see the stars! It is very dark on a night like that. Luckily for Percy the signalmen have their lamps!

8. Percy pulls into each silent station and the men unload the post. The postmen will deliver it the next morning. Before very long Percy is on his way again.

9. Percy works as quickly as he can, so he can get back to the shed in time for a few hours' rest before his morning train! But one night, Percy had a very late start.

10. Percy waited in the Big Harbour yard for the post bags to arrive from the mainland. They didn't come. "The boat must be late in," said the Stationmaster.



11. Percy waited and waited. He tried to keep his eyes open, but he was getting sleepier all the time. Hours passed. Percy was very tired. At last the boat came in and the post was loaded into Percy's trucks. "Let's go!" said Percy's driver as they set off with the post train. Percy went quickly to try and make up lost time!

12. By the time Percy was making his way back, the sun was already rising. "Good morning, Percy!" called Duck as Percy entered the yard. "You're up early this morning!" "No, you're wrong," sighed Percy. "I'm back tired and late!" Percy rolled into the shed and fell asleep, almost before his buffers touched the bar!

THE END

In our next issue: Edward and the campers!

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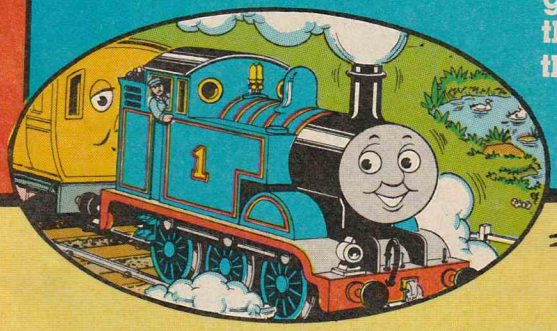

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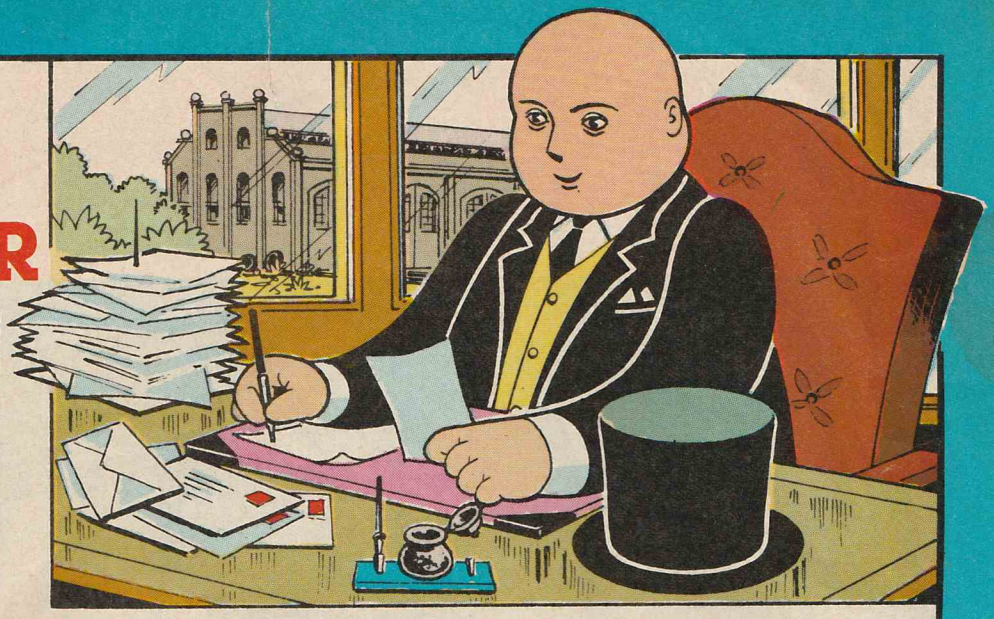

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas – or any of the other engines? Then why not write to me at the address below? I should be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I have just started school. I would like to become a Fat Controller when I grow up! I love trains, especially the ones that **you** are in charge of!

Love from **Tim,** aged 4.

Well, well... *I do hope that one day you fulfil your ambition of working in charge of a railway, Tim! I can remember having the very same thoughts when I was a young fellow, too!*

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Tim wins a splendid Thomas the Tank Engine remote control toy from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

FAVOURITE CARDIGAN!

Dear Fat Controller,
My big brother had a lovely cardigan with you and James on the front and Thomas on the back. He has now grown too big for it so he has given it to me and I love wearing it. It is nice and warm too!

Love from **Jenny,** aged 3.

What a lucky young lady you are! I also have a favourite sweater with pictures of engines on the front and back, too!

JUST PRETEND!

Dear Fat Controller,
When I run up and down our garden, I pretend to be Henry the Green Engine rushing up and down hills! I can run very fast and always shout **'peep peep'!**

Lots of love from **Stacey,** aged 4.

Upon my soul! What a splendid time you must have! I wonder if you pretend to be any of my other engines as well?!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Our very best birthday wishes go out to:

Richard Hady (28856), Ross Chambers, Kerry Jade Beaumont, Gary Atkins, Edward Ecbournes (28515), Peter Troman (27512), Wayne Gardiner, Lee Stuart Pike, Graham Keep, Rebecca Owers, Matthew Robinson, Neil Holbrook, Heather McLellan, Max Hamlet (31386), Nia Metcalf (30549), Ben Greenwood, Wayne Owens (16886), Sean Larkin, David Thomas Hodgson (27547), Michael James (32877), Craig Adam Lloyd (31404), Gordon Crichton (17642), Craig Skelton, Maria Armstrong, Gennaro Rucocco, Thomas Hamill (26480), James Blackman, James Ashley Witchell-Jones, Gary Jerred (10079), Martin Williamson, Jonathon Edmonds (30232) and Graham Fitzell (24660).

A special belated birthday greeting goes out to **Liam Senk,** who is 1 year old!

If you would like a birthday mention here, just send details on a postcard, at least **9 weeks in advance**. We cannot **promise** to print all the birthdays, but we will do our very best.

Yours,

Sir Topham Hatt.

the Fat Controller.

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Behind the

Which engine can you see?

What colour is he?

Is he as pretty as the butterflies?

How many butterflies can you see?

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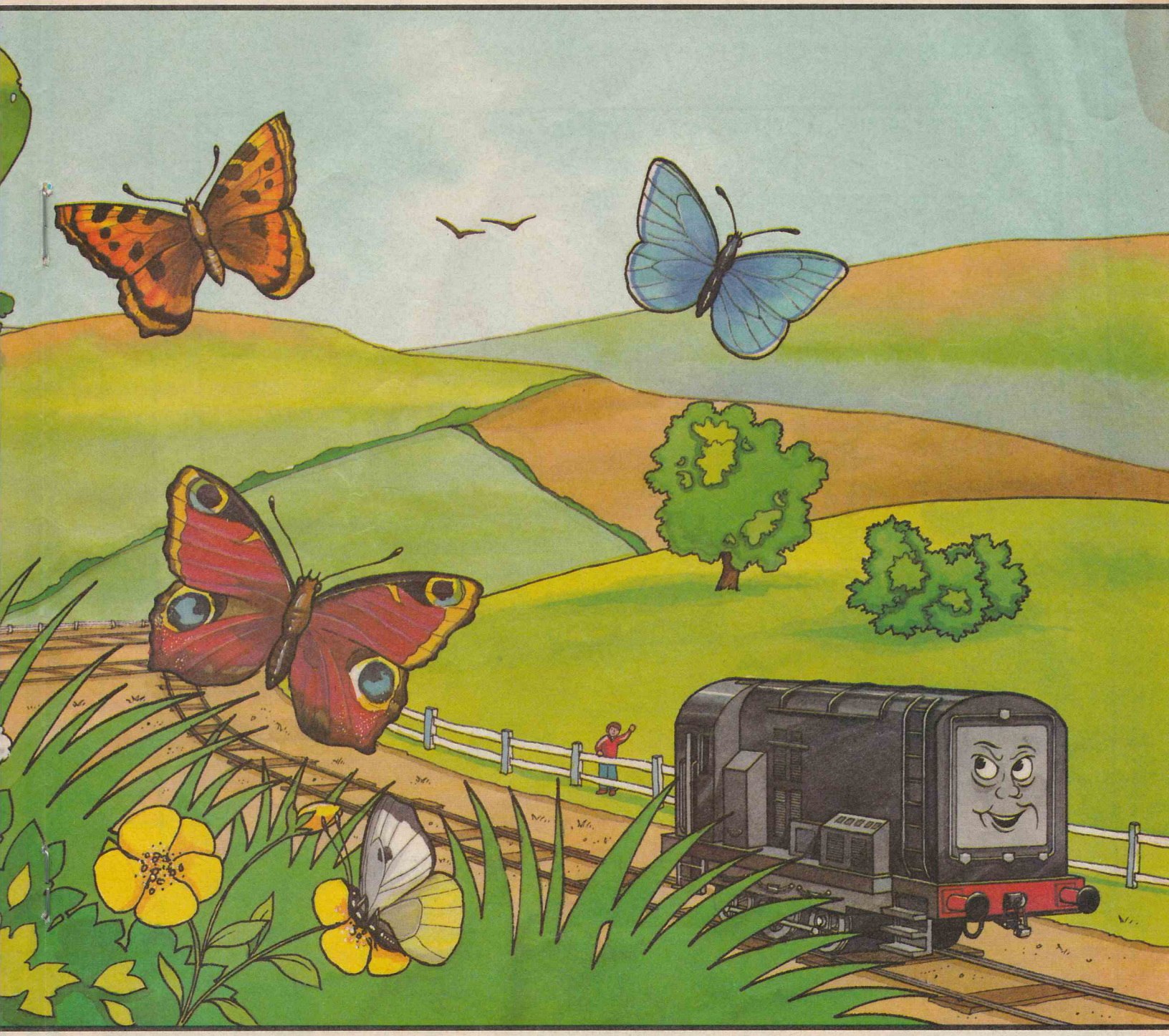

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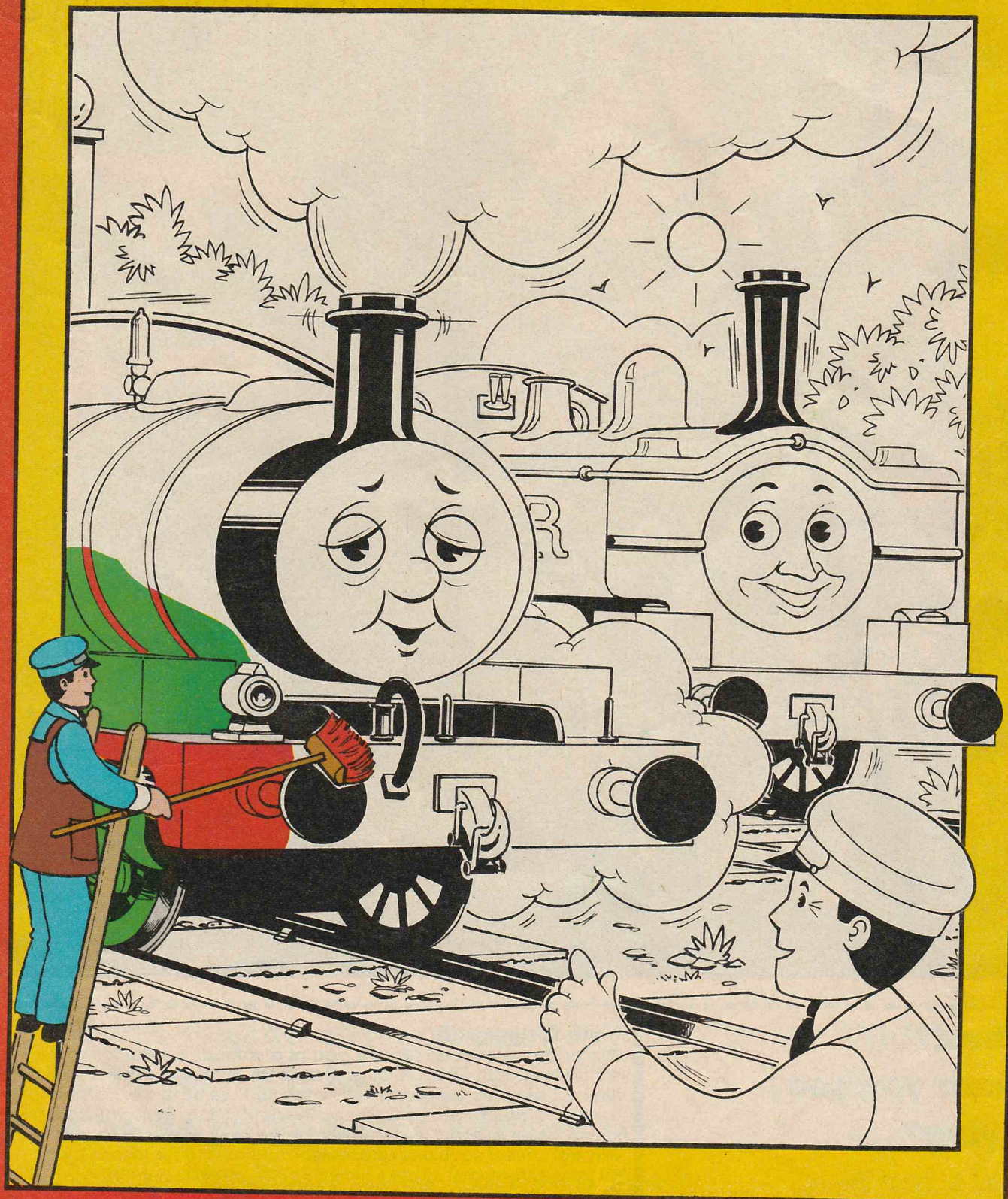
This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

Next issue: Through the poppy fields!

COLOURING TIME!

Percy has worked right through the night
Now colour him in – make him look bright!



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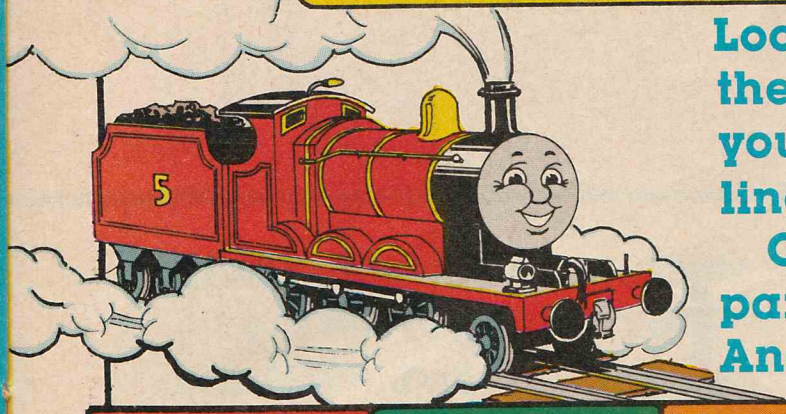

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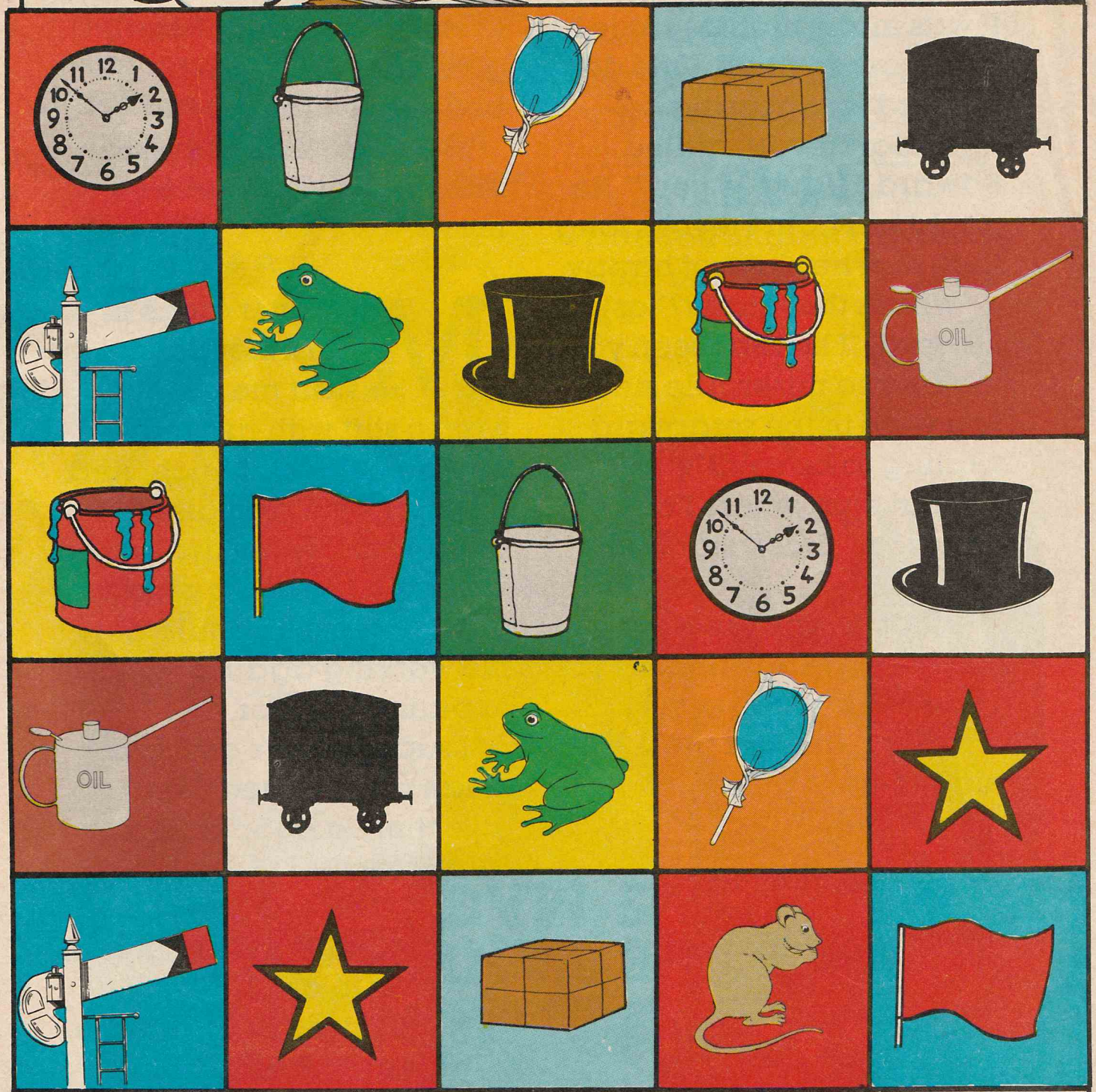


There is only one mouse!

A read-aloud story!

Trouble for T

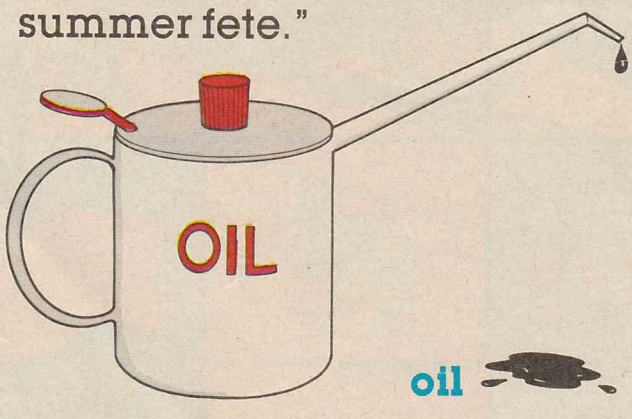
Trevor the Traction Engine had spent most of the winter in his shed. It was many months since he had worked at all. One day Edward was passing by.

"Hullo, Trevor!" called Edward. "How are you?" He could see from Trevor's long face that he was not happy.

"What's the matter?" asked Edward. "I haven't seen you looking so miserable since you were in the scrapyard waiting to be sold!"

"That's just where I'm going this time!" sighed Trevor.

"What do you mean?" asked Edward. "I heard that you were coming out in a few day's time for the summer fete."



oil

"I suppose everyone was expecting to see me," said Trevor. But I'll have to stay in my shed. I can't give rides to children because I can't move."

"Oh dear," said Edward kindly. "Why can't you move?"

"My driver came in the other day to start me up. But I was so stiff with rust that I couldn't move an inch! And what a clanking noise I made! Finally my driver had to have a look at my rusted parts to see if he could get me working again," explained Trevor.

"I suppose he's going to clean up your gears and give them a good oiling," said Edward.

"Ha!" moaned Trevor. "What good is a little drop of oil going to do?"

"A little drop of oil can do a lot," explained Edward.

Trevor!

"Even the finest new metal engines will jam up without oil. Metal is just too dry. It scrapes and scratches and siezes up without oil!" Trevor did not believe Edward.

"Cheer up, Trevor!" said Edward. "I'm sure your driver will have you working before the summer fete!"

The next day, Trevor's driver returned. He had soaked Trevor's rusty parts in oil and put them all back together again. He started Trevor up without a single clank. Trevor felt like a new traction engine again!

The next time Edward saw Trevor he was smiling happily. That's because he was giving rides to all the children at the summer fete – and that is Trevor the Traction Engine's favourite work of all!

THE END

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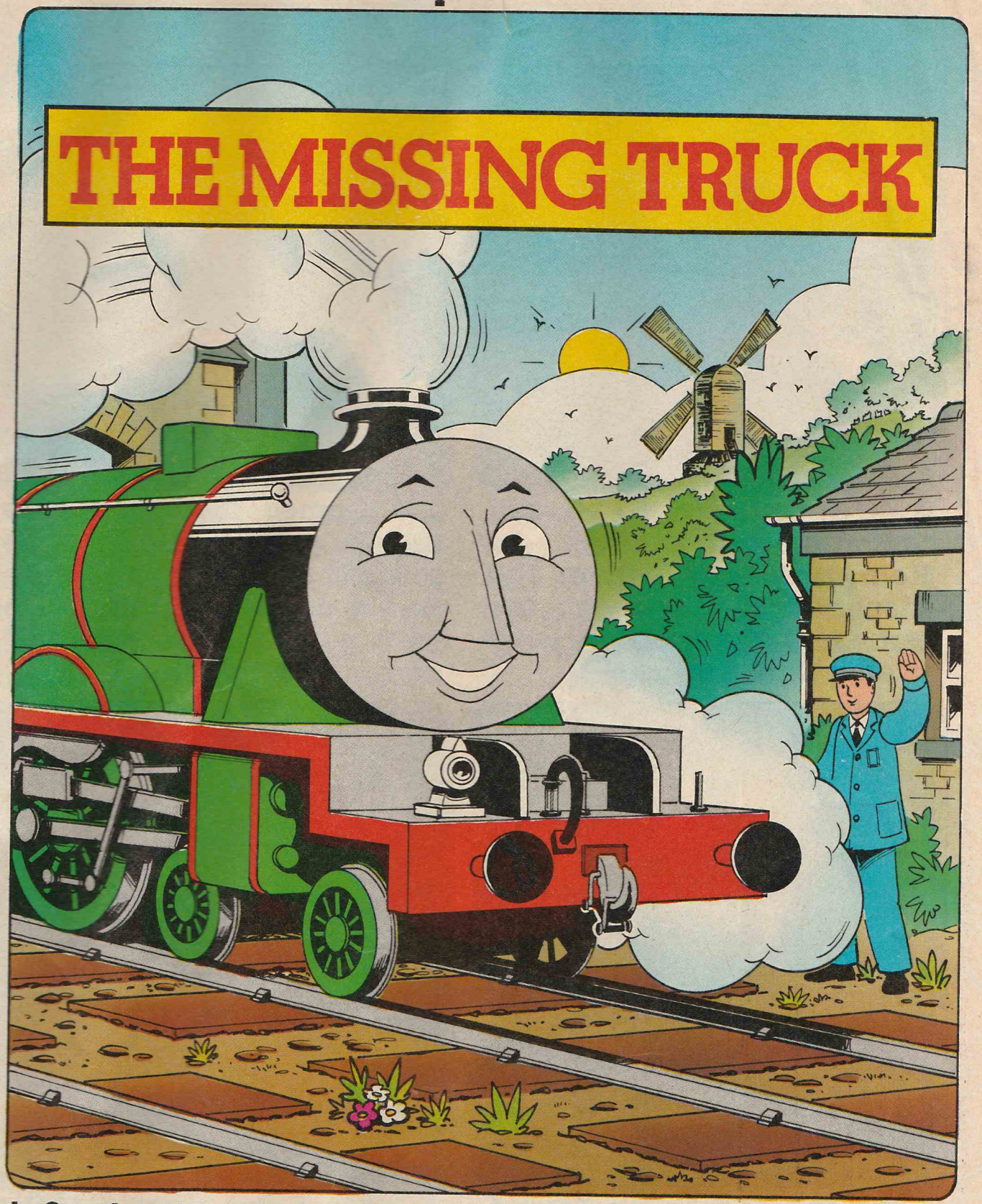
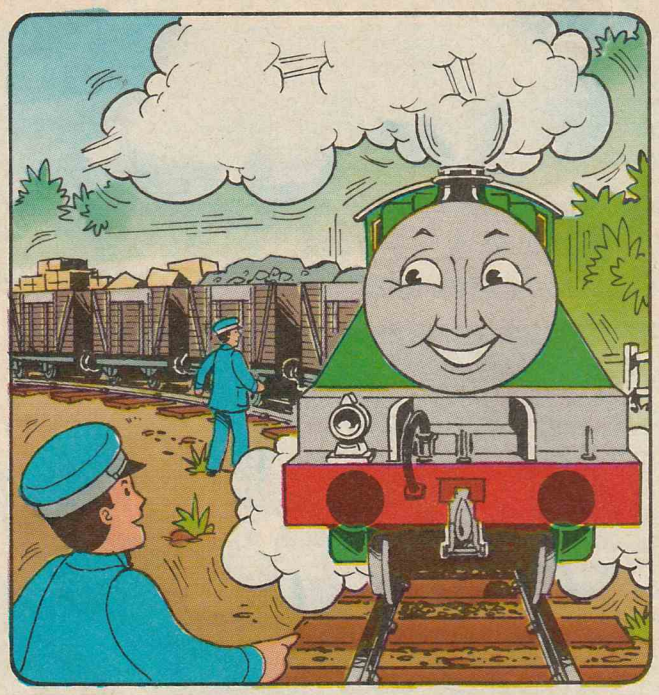
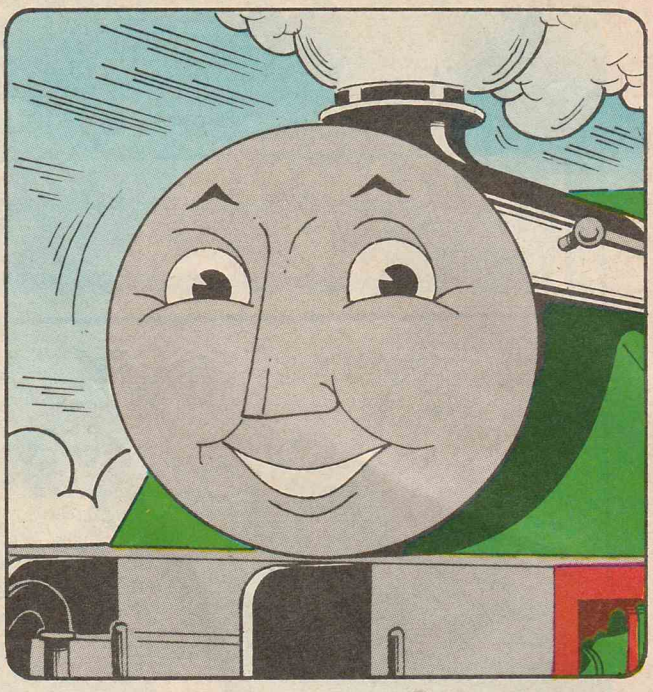


1. One lovely morning on the Island of Sodor, Henry was in the shed. His fireman had stoked his boiler and he was warming up nicely now. Henry was ready to go.

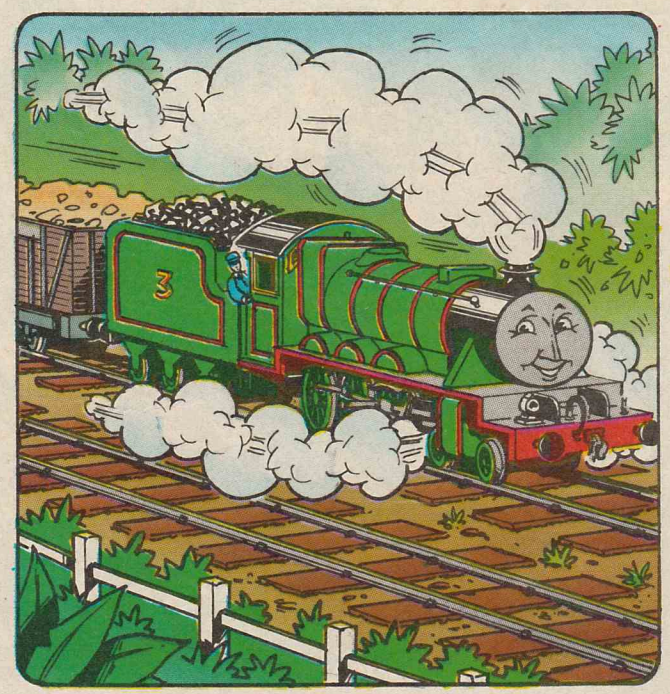
2. Henry went out into the yard. He was to take a goods train down to the Big Harbour. He backed onto the siding to collect the heavily laden trucks.



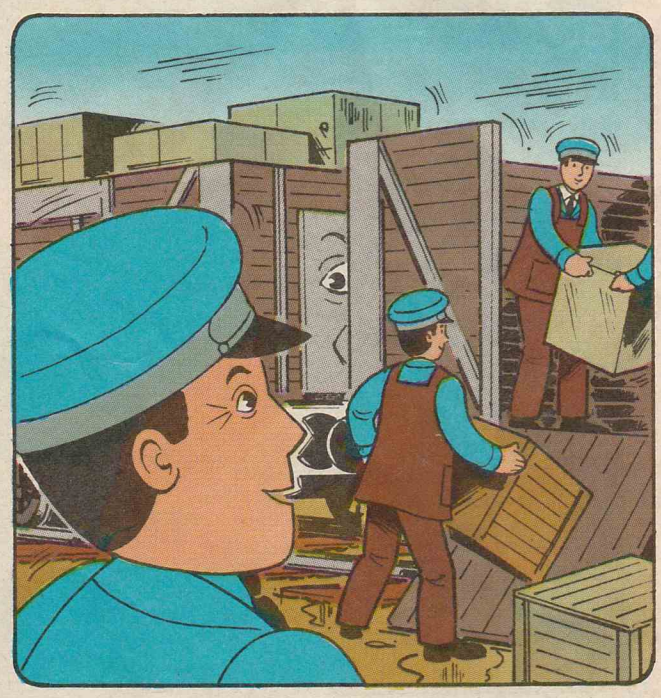
3. "Ow! Ooh! Not so rough!" the trucks grumbled as Henry backed into them. The men coupled Henry to the truck in the front. There were twenty trucks in all.



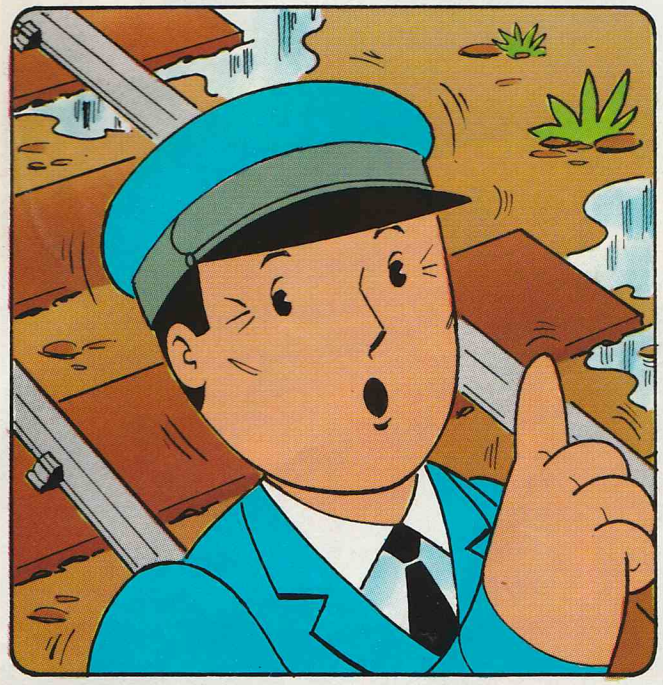
4. "Come along! Come along!" groaned Henry as he pulled the heavy trucks slowly out of the siding. "Do we have to? Do we have to?" complained the trucks.



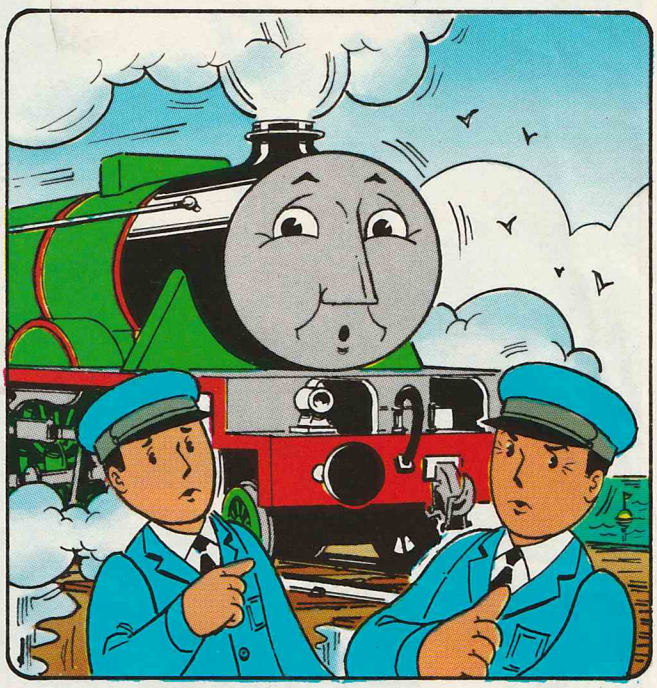
5. "A little bit faster now! A little bit faster now!" Henry called as he began to build up speed. The trucks rattled and rumbled, but they were moving nicely now.



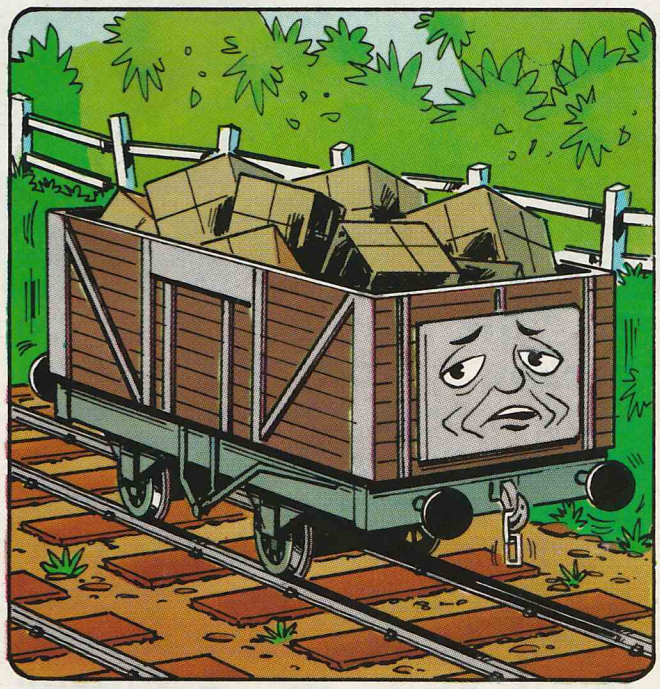
6. When Henry arrived at the Big Harbour, the Harbour Stationmaster sent him to the quay where a ship was waiting. The men began to unload the trucks.



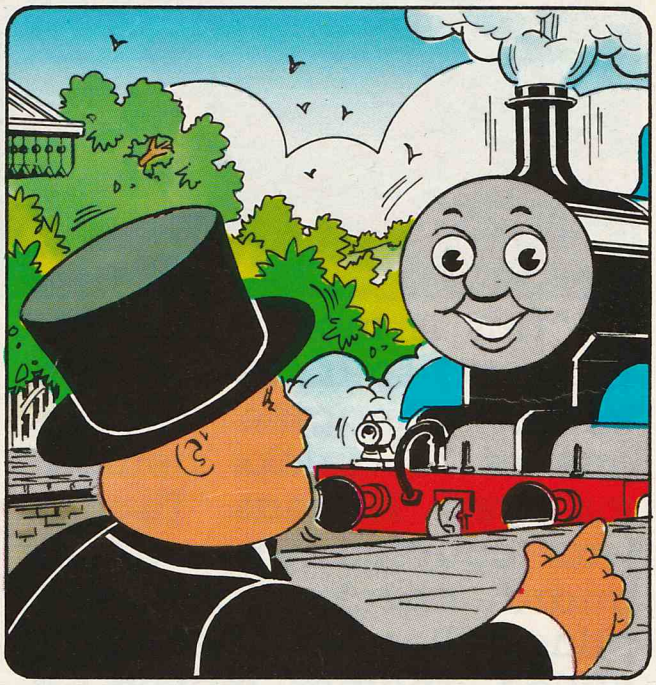
7. "Wait a minute!" said the Stationmaster. "You were supposed to be bringing twenty trucks, I only count nineteen!" Henry's guard came down to check.



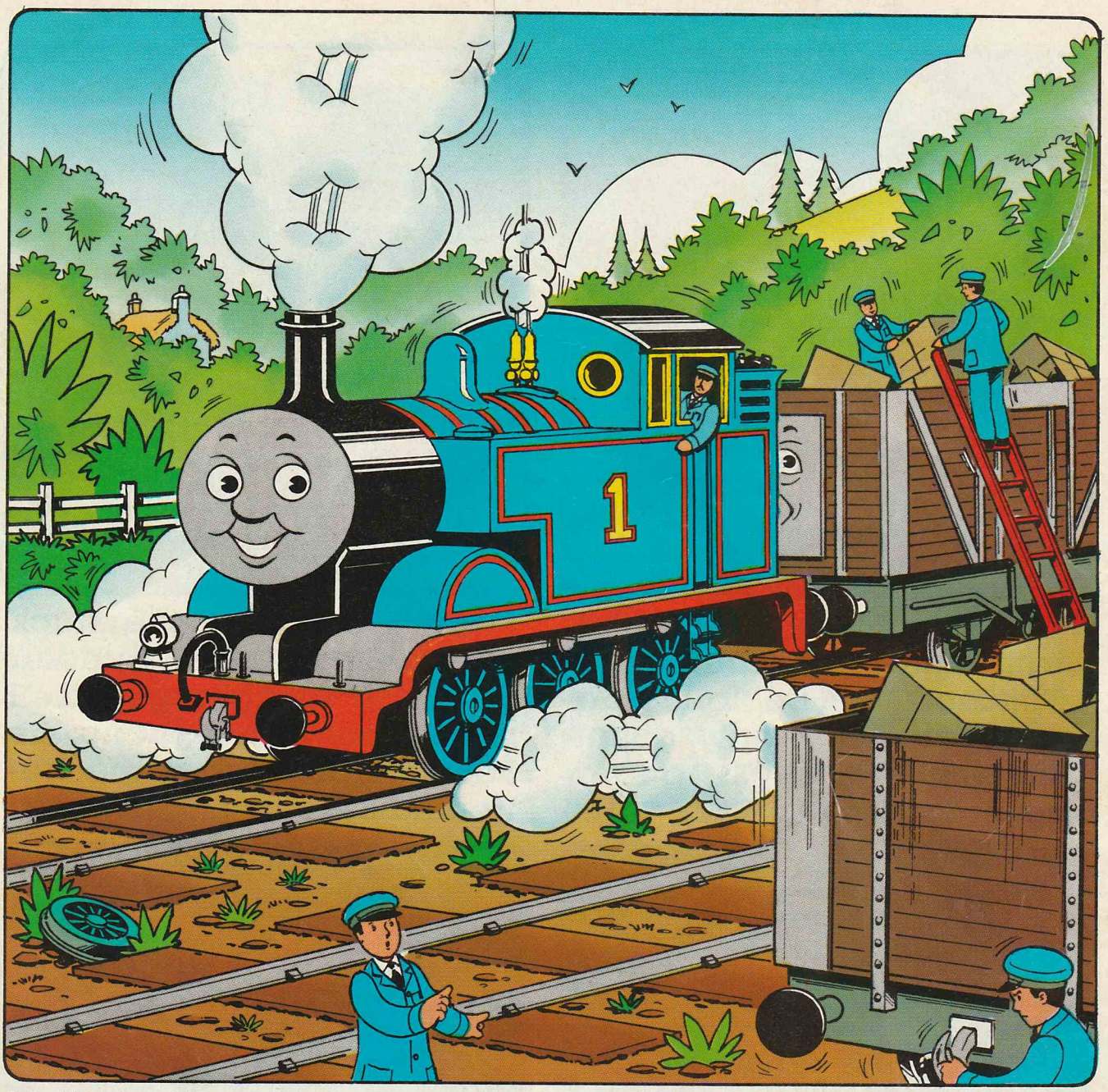
8. Sure enough, one truck **was** missing! "I can't understand it!" said the guard. "I shall have to telephone the Fat Controller," said the Stationmaster.



9. The Fat Controller was quite surprised when he got the message. He sent some workmen to find the truck. There, at the end of the siding, they found it.



10. "Thomas," said the Fat Controller. "Henry has left one of his trucks behind. I want you to take it to the Big Harbour." "But, sir," said Thomas, "I'm already shunting!"



11. "This is more important, Thomas," said the Fat Controller. "Imagine leaving one of his trucks behind!" muttered Thomas. Thomas was coupled up and his guard checked the coupling. "Ready!" the guard called. Thomas moved off. Click! The coupling opened. The truck was left behind! "Stop!" called the guard.

12. "The coupling must be broken," said the guard. "You had better fetch another truck, Thomas." Thomas went to find a different truck. The men unloaded the goods from the broken truck. At last Thomas was ready to set off. "A broken coupling! A broken coupling!" he sang. "Henry wasn't so silly after all!"

THE END

In our next issue: After the last train!